AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph occurring at page 12, line 22 to page 13, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

Similarly, the Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA™) communication specification published by the Object Management Group provides a set of specifications that define a central inter-component communication mechanism and a set of service components to provide common services. The call-out may use one or more CORBA™-based servers. This provides the additional functionality of allowing the process modification component to run on a separate computer, which may be remote from the measurement system and connected to it via a network.

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 4-5, with the following amended paragraph:

The process modification module may be implemented as an ENTERPRISE JAVA BEAN™ computer program ~~Enterprise Java Bean~~ (EJB) in accordance with a protocol published by Sun Microsystems.